

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants. and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Cleanup Grant

\$195,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Kinston for a brownfields cleanup grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up the former Harvey Oil site located northwest of the intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and East Vernon Avenue. The more-than-half-acre cleanup site was developed as early as 1925 and used for the bulk storage and distribution of petroleum products, including gasoline, kerosene, heating oil, diesel fuel, and various motor oils and lubricants. The site was originally held by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, and was last purchased by the Harvey Oil Company in 1979 from the Exxon Corporation. It has remained vacant since the former structures associated with the fuel storage facility were removed in 2001. The site is contaminated with free-phase petroleum products that have dissolved into groundwater. Grant funds also will be used for community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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Grant Recipient: City of Kinston, NC (252) 939-3269

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